

Diligence

Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest. How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man. PROVERBS 6:6-11



Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. PROVERBS 4:23

He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich. As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so is the sluggard to them that send him. PROVERBS 10:4, 26

The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute. The slothful man roasteth not that which he took in hunting: but the substance of a diligent man is precious. PROVERBS 12:24, 27

The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat. Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labour shall increase. PROVERBS 13:4, 11

In all labour there is profit: but the talk of the lips tendeth only to penury. PROVERBS 14:23

The way of the slothful man is as an hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous is made plain. PROVERBS 15:19

He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster. PROVERBS 18:9

Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger. A slothful man hideth his hand in his bosom, and will not so much as bring it to his mouth again. PROVERBS 19:15, 24

The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold;
therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing.
Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty; open thine
eyes, and thou shalt be satisfied with bread.

PROVERBS 20:4, 13

The thoughts of the diligent tend only to plenteousness;
but of every one that is hasty only to want. The desire
of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour.
He coveteth greedily all the day long: but the righteous
giveth and spareth not. PROVERBS 21:5, 25-26

The slothful man saith, There is a lion without, I shall be
slain in the streets. Seest thou a man diligent in his
business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand
before mean men. PROVERBS 22:13, 29

I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard
of the man void of understanding; And, lo, it was all
grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face
thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down.

PROVERBS 24:30-31

As the door turneth upon his hinges, so doth the slothful
upon his bed. PROVERBS 26:14

For even when we were with you, this we commanded
you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.
2 THESSALONIANS 3:10

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might;
for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge,
nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.
ECCLESIASTES 9:10

By much slothfulness the building decayeth; and through
idleness of the hands the house droppeth through.
ECCLESIASTES 10:18

Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour,
working with his hands the thing which is good, that he
may have to give to him that needeth. EPHESIANS 4:28

Hate not laborious work, neither husbandry, which the
most High hath ordained. ECCLESIASTICUS 7:15

A slothful man is compared to a filthy stone, and every
one will hiss him out to his disgrace. A slothful man is
compared to the filth of a dunghill: every man that takes
it up will shake his hand. ECCLESIASTICUS 22:1-2

Unless a man hold himself diligently in the fear of the
Lord, his house shall soon be overthrown.
ECCLESIASTICUS 27:3

Chastise thy son, and hold him to labour, lest his lewd
behaviour be an offence unto thee.
ECCLESIASTICUS 30:13

Send him to labour, that he be not idle; for idleness
teacheth much evil. ECCLESIASTICUS 33:27